

**2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit
Season 10
Harrah's Tunica
Tunica, MS
Event #2
No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-In: \$300 (+\$65)
Total Entries: 560
Prize Pool: \$168,000
January 24-25, 2014**



Nick Burris Earns Gold in Event 2

Charlie Dawson records 12th career Circuit final table appearance, remains winless.

Missouri banker cashes in \$35,290 and dons first gold ring following the victory.

Tunica, MS (January 25, 2014) — Nick Burris outlasted a decorated final table Saturday night at Harrah's Tunica in Event 2, a \$365 no-limit hold'em ring event, to earn \$35,290 and his first ring. The young Missouri banker began the late stages of play second in chips with the likes of ring winners Allan Farber and Mark Fink as well as two-time ring winner William Byrnes yet to get through.

In addition to these decorated adversaries, a decidedly less decorated, but perhaps more experienced veteran, also stood in his way – Charles Dawson.

Dawson, a Kentucky resident, was making his 12th career Circuit final table. At the time, the battle-tested amateur sat in second place on the not-so-enviable list of players to record the most final table appearances without winning a ring. Event 2 was different though.

He came to the final table with 1,632,000 chips, about 200,000 more than Burris, and was poised to slide the ever-elusive gold ring on his finger. The early stages of play moved fast, with Robert Ward hitting the rail ninth, then Fink eighth. Next went Daniel Young in seventh and Quentin Crossley in sixth.

Unfortunately for Dawson though, none of the chips were coming his way. In fact, he was losing chips, spreading them between Burris, Byrnes and James Eckles. By the time Farber hit the rail fifth, Dawson was short and in need of a double up.

Alas, the double up never came. Just as he had 11 times before, Dawson exited the tournament shy of gold but with a five-figure consolation prize. Like the gentlemen he is, he stood from the table, pushed in his chair and gave a sincere “good luck, everyone” as he exited the tournament.

With Dawson's pursuit for gold over, just Burris, Eckles and Byrnes remained.

